

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize those Show-Me State young men and women who have valiantly answered the national call to military service during times of societal turmoil; and

Whereas, Benjamin J. Honey of Farmington, Missouri, joined the United States Army to assist in our nation's efforts in protecting this great country from attack, to help in supporting democratic institutions and practices worldwide, and to contribute his skills and efforts in confronting terrorism and tyranny at their source; and

Whereas, a Private First Class in the United States Army, Benjamin Honey is stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, with the world-famous 101st Airborne Division which has attained glory and honor down through the years on many different battlefields; and

Whereas, trained as a member of the 101st Airborne Division's Air Assault forces, PFC Benjamin Honey deployed to Iraq on March 7, 2003, to topple the heinous regime of Saddam Hussein and to establish security and stability in that portion of the Middle East which previously had proven to be a breeding ground and haven for terrorists; and

Whereas, on April 13, 2003, PFC Benjamin Honey was injured in a grenade attack in the capital city of Baghdad after an exceptionally fast and well-planned strike up through the heart of Iraq that amazed the watching world and destroyed the ability of a tyrant's henchmen to wage war; and

Whereas, after receiving injuries, PFC Benjamin Honey continued the fight by returning fire before he was medically evacuated, first to a field hospital and then to Kuwait, Germany, and the United States; and

Whereas, PFC Benjamin Honey has returned to his hometown of Farmington, Missouri, to recuperate from his wounds and to receive well-deserved accolades at recognition ceremonies which will be held in his honor on Thursday, May 1, 2003:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute PFC Benjamin Honey and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his patriotic, service-related activities in the fight against worldwide terrorism and our warmest welcome back home; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Private First Class Benjamin J. Honey of Farmington, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Kevin Engler
District No. 106

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3459, adopted May 1, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker